## ABSTRACT

A port monitor is adapted to obtain pre-print and post-print information for each print job handled, to correlate that information and to store it for later transfer to a management server. Upon receiving a print job, the port monitor
5  combines a unique job identifier to the print job, and sends the combination to a printer. The port monitor captures selected pre-print information related to the print job from the peripheral server. The port monitor may poll the printer to learn of the completion of the print job. Upon completion of the print job, the port monitor obtains post-print information from the printer. The port
10  monitor correlates pre-print information and post-print information having like unique job identifiers. The correlated information is transferred to a storage module. Upon realization of a threshold, a data transfer module sends the print information to a report manager on a management server.

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